FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number	USGS Quad	Area(s)	Form Number
15-7	ORLEANS		EAS.710

Town/City: Town of Eastham

Place: *(neighborhood or village)*: Eastham Center

Address: 2665 State Highway

Historic Name: Carrie L. Howes House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: 1922

Source: tax records, deeds

Style/Form: Bungalow

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: vinyl clapboard

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: none

Major Alterations *(with dates):* rear expansion & resided & windows replaced (dates unknown)

Condition: good

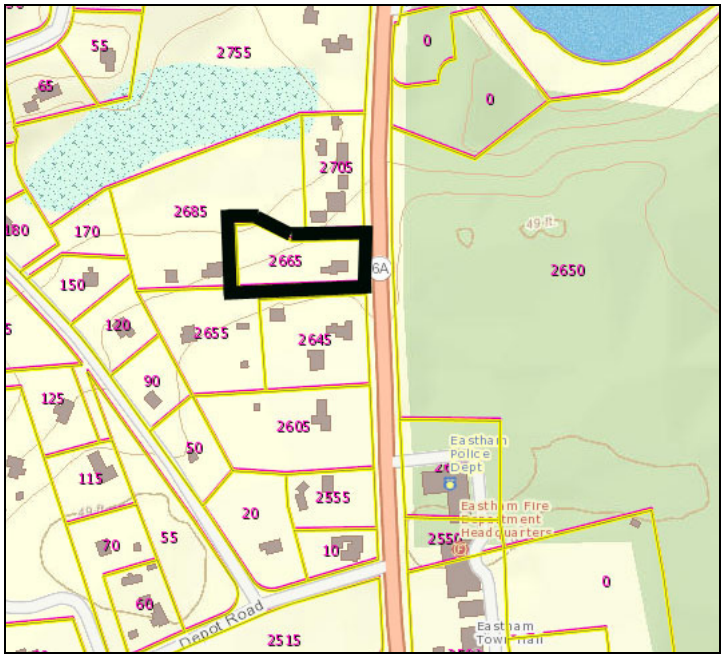
Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.71 acre

Setting: The subject property is located on the west side of State Highway/Rt. 6 directly across from land that is part of the Cape Cod National Seashore Park, east of which is Salt Pond Bay. Multi-family residential property lies to the north and single family residential properties lie to the west, southwest and south. A wetland is a bit farther to the north.

Photograph

Locus Map (north at top)



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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The subject property contains a one-story, hipped roof, wood frame bungalow. It has been resided with vinyl clapboard; the roofing is asphalt shingles. A full front porch, with a front gable feature over the center entrance, has been enclosed/glazed with eight-light casement windows atop a kneewall. The door surround has sidelights and while the door may be original, all the windows in the house appear to have been replaced and most outfitted with vinyl window blinds. There is an exterior brick chimney on the left (south) side. A shallow rear bump out looks to have been expanded with a gable roof addition off its rear, the left rear (southwest) corner of the house. This probably replaced the detached shed. No building permits for any of this work are on file with the town.

A detached front gabled garage with right side lean-to, originally located close behind the house, has been demolished; instead there is a small unimproved parking pad located in front of the house running off a paved driveway (paved) running along the north property line and shared with the single family lot immediately behind this house. Mature deciduous shrubs line the front property boundary and wrap around to the north side of the front yard. A wood privacy fence runs along the south property line and a wood pergola is located in the approximate area where the garage once stood.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

According to town records, the house at 2665 State Highway was built in 1923. If that date is accurate, the house must have been built by Carrie L. Penniman Howes. Howes and her husband Whitman F. Howes lived at 2645 State Highway (EAS.30), which occupied land she inherited from her father James Penniman (1837-1906). In June 1922, about a year after Whitman Howes died, Carrie Howes sold the 2645 State Highway house and must have moved to 2665 State Highway, built by that time just to the north and still on her father's homestead property.

The son of Daniel and Betsey Penniman, James Penniman was working as a mariner in 1862 when he married Caroline Dill, the daughter of Heman S. and Caroline Dill of Eastham. Penniman had acquired half of the Lucy and John Atwood homestead property in two 1876 deeds.[1] Tax records for 1902 show Penniman with a dwelling valued at $800, a barn, an outbuilding, and four henhouses on twelve acres. In 1885 their daughter Carrie married Whitman F. Howes, a native of Chatham who was then working as a mariner. By 1900 Whitman Howes was a surfman (life guard) at the U.S. Life-Saving Service station in Eastham. Their son Ommund Hanson Howes was born in 1890.

In 1908, two years after her husband's death, Caroline Dill Penniman and other heirs sold six acres of the homestead including the 2645 State Highway house, barn, and outbuildings to her daughter Carrie L. Howes on the condition that she would be able to remain in the home as long as she remained unmarried and have the income from the asparagus being grown on the farm.[2] Despite that first provision in the 1908 deed, the 1910 census lists only Whitman and Carrie Howes residing in the State Highway property. In 1915 Caroline Penniman, then seventy years old, married James Albert Kendrick of Chatham, and she died in Chatham in 1918.

The 1920 census enumerates Whitman and Carrie Howes on County Road, presumably at 2645 State Highway, with several Penniman cousins and a niece. Whitman Howes died in 1921 and, in 1922, Carrie divided her father's property and sold the 2645 State Highway house and acreage to Emma C. Stone.[3] Tax records for 1926 show Carrie Howes with a house—2665 State Highway—an outbuilding, a one-acre homestead lot, and eight other acres. At that time Howes's son Ommund lived and farmed on Samoset Road,

Carrie Penniman Howes died in September 1930 and tax records show her estate as the subject property.[4] In 1933 Ommund Howes sold his Samoset Road property and apparently moved to 2665 State Highway with his wife Edna and son Whitman, born about 1920. Eastham tax records for 1937 show him with a house, outbuilding, garage, a one-acre homestead lot, and 6.5 other acres, and the 1940 census shows him on State Road with his wife and son. At that time he was doing "tractor work," and his son had a job clearing brush.

In 1952 Ommund Howes deeded 2665 State Highway to himself and his wife. He died in February 1964, and about three years later his widow Edna sold the property to Thomas P. and Anna B. Malone of Jamaica Plain. In 1980 the subdivided the property, creating a parcel of .7 acres with the house and barn and another of 2.5 acres to the west with a panhandle access to State

[1] Lucy Atwood to James Penniman, 12 July 1875, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (hereafter cited as BCD) 129:313; Philip B. Cloyes, Cambridge, to James Penniman, 20 September 1876, BCD 130:80-82.
[2] Caroline Penniman et al. to Carrie L. Howes, 19 August 1908, BCD 289:490.
[3] Carrie L. Howes to Emma C. Stone, 6 June 1922, BCD 381:196.
[4] See Ommund H. Howes, affidavit, 21 July 1955, BCD 914:565.

Highway.[5] After Anna Malone's death her executor sold the subject property to Geraldine A. Strazyk of Eastham; she and Mary K. Shaughnessy, as trustees of Strazyk Nominee Realty Trust, currently own the property.[6]

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[5] Ommund H. Howes to Ommund H. and Edna F. Howes, 3 August 1955, BCD 916:90; Edna F. Howes to Thomas P. and Anna B. Malone, 19 January 1967, BCD 1356:918; "Plan of Division of Land in Eastham, Mass. As Surveyed and Prepared for Thomas P. & Anna B. Malone," 13 March 1980, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds Plan (hereafter cited as BCP) 341:81.
[6] Mary E. Cannon, executor estate Anna B. Malone, to Geraldine A. Strazyk, 18 November 1999, BCD 12701:69; Strazyk to Strazyk and Mary K. Shaughnessy, trustees Strazyk Nominee Realty Trust, 18 February 2005, BCD 19567:342.

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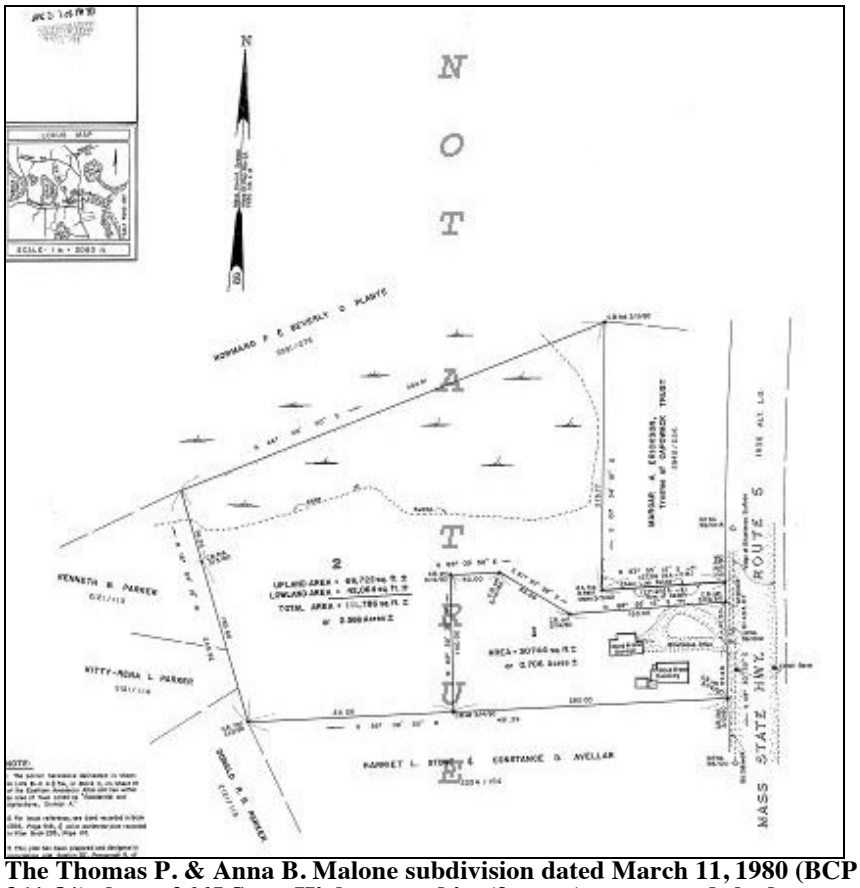
SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



The Thomas P. & Anna B. Malone subdivision dated March 11, 1980 (BCP 341:81) shows 2665 State Highway and its (former) garage and shed on Parcel 1.

PHOTOGRAPHS

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View from southeast.

View from north.